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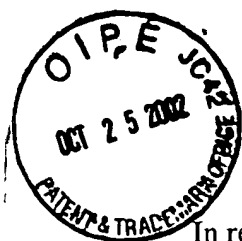
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Sir:

Pursuant to the filing of the *RCE* on September 20, 2002, please amend this applications follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A light shielding blade material for use in an optical apparatus, comprising:

a substrate consisting of a plastic film having a pair of surfaces opposed to each other;
a shield coating being capable of blocking an incident light and being formed on each surface of the substrate, the shield coating being composed of a paint resin containing a carbon black;
a reinforcement member disposed on each shield coating, the reinforcement member